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CRITICISM OF THE RHODESIAN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
CONTINUES IN THE ZAMBIAN PRESS. IN EDITORIAL PUBLISHED
OVER THE WEEKEND AND TODAY BOTH THE STATE-OWNED ZAMBIA
DAILY MAIL AND THE PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA ATTACKED THE
LEADERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
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AGREEMENT OF HAVING "NO LOVE FOR THEIR COUNTRY"
ADDING "AS DETAILS OF THE SELL-OUT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN REBEL LEADER IAN SMITH AND THE BLACK
LEADERS INSIDE RHODESIA EMERGE, IT IS CLEAR THAT
PROBLEMS WILL ARISE FACING ZAMBIA".

THE MAIL PREDICTED THAT "AS A RESULT OF THE SALISBURY

AGREEMENT THERE WILL BE MORE BLACKS INSIDE ZIMBABWE WHO WILL JOIN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO FIGHT THE SELL-OUT AGREEMENT". THE PAPER ADDED "THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA, AND ESPECIALLY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE WORSE OPPRESSION UNDER A PUPPET BLACK REGIME IN RHODESIA THAT THEY HAVE EVER KNOWN IN THE PAST...THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL CONTINUE TO LEAN VERY HEAVILY ON THE EASTERN COUNTRIES AND THE MUZOREWA-CHIKEREMA CLIQUE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO LEAN HEAVILY ON FORCES OF IMPERIALISM HEADED BY THE SSOUTH AFRICANS".

THE EDITORIAL CONTINUED: "IT IS JUST AS WELL THAT WE WARN THAT THE SITUATION WILL GET SO MUCH OUT OF HAND THAT IT WILL INVOLVE THE EAST AND WEST TO THE POINT OF THREATENING WORLD PEACE. AND AS THE CONFLICT WILL REACH FRIGHTENING DIMENSIONS, ZAMBIA WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BE DRAGGED INTO IT EITHER THROUGH REFUGEES OR THROUGH A HOT WAR WHICH WILL BE FORCED ON ZAMBIA BY THE PUPPET BLACK REGIME IN RHODESIA."

THE MAIL EDITORIAL CONCLUDES "THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN SMITH AND THE BLACK LEADERS INSIDE RHODESIA IS THE GREATEST DISSERVICE SITHOLE, MUWOREWA AND CHIRAU HAVE EVER MADE TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THIS AGREEMENT HAS SIGNED THE DEATH WARRANTS OF THE FLOWER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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YOUTH OF THE RHODESIAN BLACKS WHO WILL DIE IN THE CIVIL WAR".

THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, OWNED BY THE RULLING UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCEHPARTY (UNIP), CALLED THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT "A BLUEPRINT FOR CIVIL WAR". A TIMES EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 20 NOTED THAT "POWER IN THE STATE ULTIMATELY RESIDES IN THE CONTROL OF FORCES OF COERCION. THEY ARE THE POLICE, THE ARMY, THE JUDICIARY AND THE PRISONS. SHOULD A GOVERNMENT EMERGE IN RHODESIA WHERE THE CONTROL OF THE ARMY AND THE POLICE IS STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE REBEL GANG THAT SEIZED ILLEGITIMATE POWER IN 1965, THEN IT IS NO GOVERNMENT AT ALL.

A SINISTER ASPECT OF THE SALISBURY SETTLEMENT IS THAT NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE OFFICIALLY. 5#-5 8, 85 3)* GIVES CAUSE FOR CONCERN. IF THE SMITH REGIME AND THE MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE FACTION HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE THEN WHY ARE THEY HIDING THE DETAILS?"

THE NEWSPAPER CONCLUDES: "IT IS THE BARREL OF

THE GUN THAT WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF RHODESIA. THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT HOLDS THAT GUN. IT MUST BE LISTENED TO."
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